



# CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

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## CHILDREN'S NEEDS TASK FORCE

February 22, 2017

### RE: YOUTH CHARACTER AWARDS – Bella Terra Wall of Fame

The Huntington Beach Children's Needs Task Force, together with the City of Huntington Beach, is sponsoring our 17<sup>th</sup> annual **American Youth Character Awards®** program to honor young people who are the real heroes and proper role models for their generation. Young people benefit from examples of good decision making in a world fraught with pressures, temptations and bad examples. They need to know that they can become admired heroes simply on the strength of their character.

**We need your help!** Within your organization, there may be dozens of young people who are deserving of recognition. The process is simple. Anyone that is not an immediate family member can nominate a praiseworthy individual by completing the Youth Nomination Form and attaching a brief statement describing the facts that support the nominee as an example of good character. Nominees must be in grades 3-12 and reside in the City of Huntington Beach. Only individual nominations are accepted. Group nominations are not eligible. The back of the nomination form provides the criteria that will be used to evaluate the submissions. Please feel free to make as many copies of this information as you would like and distribute this information to any potential nominators!

### Completed Youth Nomination Forms can be faxed, mailed, emailed, or personally delivered to:

Attn: Charlene Gomez  
City of Huntington Beach/Community Services Dept.  
2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, California 92648  
Email: [cgomez@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:cgomez@surfcity-hb.org) or Fax: (714) 374-1654

### **The deadline for submission is Friday, April 7, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.**

All youth nominees will be invited to attend a recognition ceremony at the Bella Terra Mall on May 20, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Selected honorees will have their name permanently inscribed on a bronze plaque displayed at the Bella Terra Mall "Wall of Fame". The honorees will also be recognized at a City Council meeting on June 5, 2017 and invited to ride on a float in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

By actively participating in the American Youth Character Awards program, you are joining schools and youth service organizations throughout Huntington Beach in an important endeavor – strengthening our community by supporting and celebrating character in our youth!

Thank you, in advance, for your participation in this important program. If you have any questions please contact Charlene Gomez, Administrative Secretary, Community Services Dept. at (714) 536-5434.

Sincerely,

*Phyllis Lembke, Ph.D.*

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Children's Needs Task Force

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